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RHODE ISLAND AWARDED OVER \$16 MILLION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

WASHINGTON DC – Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs member U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) a \$16,073,769 grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The funding will help the RIEMA implement an integrated approach to enhance the coordination of regional efforts to prevent, respond to, and recover from a terrorist attack or other disaster. The funding will help state homeland security agencies coordinate with regional efforts to prepare for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive incidents, as well as cyber attacks and natural disasters.

“The allocation of these funds to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency will provide the resources necessary to properly implement an effective State Homeland Security Strategy. This will require a number of state, federal, and regional programs to lay-out plans for training, prevention, and response methods in anticipation of disaster situations,” Senator Chafee said. “As a member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, I will work to ensure that funds are properly allocated to Rhode Island and areas across the nation needing support,” he continued.

The grant award will be used to subsidize costs related to preparedness activities associated with implementing the State Homeland Security Strategy. Under the umbrella of the HSGP, \$10,291,661 will be provided for the State Homeland Security Program, \$3,742,422 for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and \$1,681,441 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. In addition, the Metropolitan Medical Response Program will receive \$227,592, and the Citizen Corps Program will be given \$130,653.

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